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PRince *Robert* the second sonne to the Lady *Elizabeth*, the Kings Majesties onely Sister, hath (if report speake truth) since his last coming and abode in *England*, done many outrages, plundered many townes, destroyed much corne, with many other insufferable injuries and oppressions, which have beene by him heaped on the poore subjects that stood well-affected to the Parliament. And least any should make question of the truth of this Relation,

ye know that an attempt of the same nature was by the said Prince *Robert*, and his Followers put in execution on monday last the twelfth of September at a place called *Harborough* in *Leicester-shire*, the inhabitants of the towne, it appeares, being well affected to the King and Parliament: For which cause the said Prince *Robert* came against them with eighteene hundred horse, and some small number of Foot, and fell upon them, plundering of their houses, taking away their armes, seizing upon their horses, throwing their hay about, and trampling it under feet with their horses, and doing mischiefe without controule, the towne not being able to make any resistance without aid from some other place, which for the present was not afforded unto them.

During the time that Prince *Robert* was putting the towne to this extreme trouble and distraction, the noble Earle of *Stamford* had received intelligence of this proceedings, hee being upon a march onely with eight hundred horse: whereupon, knowing that Prince *Robert* would never adventure upon such a designe, if his strength were not answerable, and withall considering the great dammage that he might sustaine, if hee should go against him, being so weake and unprepared: Wherefore hee drew

drew up his men into a ſmall Front, with a loud voice immediately declaring what information he had newly received from *Harborough*, and alſo declared unto them the number of the Forces that accompanied the ſaid Prince *Robert*, and with many expreſſions ſetting forth the earneſt deſire he had to go up to aſſiſt them, but withall was very loath to adventure his ſmall Forces againſt ſo great odds, and hee for the preſent not knowing how to gaine ſtrength to ſuppreſſe them, his Forces being diſperſed thorough the Countrey apon ſeverall urgent and neceſſary occaſions for the maintaining of the peace of the Kingdome; wherefore the ſaid Earle demanded of them whether they were willing to goe on or retreat, withall telling them, that if they did goe on, they muſt reſolve to fight it out to the uttermoſt, and to ſtand againſt a double oppoſition for their number.

Notwithſtanding all this, and theſe difficulties, and the imminent danger, they with a generall ſhout cried, On, On: Which the good Earle perceiving, with a great deale of joy incouraged them, telling them that himſelf in perſon would lead them on and bring them off, and not forſake them ſo long as he had either breath or one drop of bloud in his veines.

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Thus with confidence and courage they presently marched forward, singing of Psalmes till they were within the sight of *Hinbrough*, where they might plainly perceive the Prince with all his Forces marching out of the said towne, very confidently and securely, without the least suspition of being opposed, with their prize of Armes and Horse which they had taken from the towne; which the Earle of *Stamford* seeing, made a stand under a wood side, which sheltered him and his Companies from the sight of the Princes Forces: which having done, he sent forth a Scout privately to the towne, to command them to put themselves into the best posture of defence that they could, to keepe them from retreating backe to the towne, which was accordingly effected; in which time the Prince had recovered the bottome of the hill, where the Earle of *Stamford* had placed his men, onely two Troupes which hee had sent thorow the wood, to come on the Reare of the Princes Troupes, and consequently to get betweene him and the towne.

As soone as the Prince saw himselfe so suddenly encompassed, he endeavoured to retreat againe to the towne, but finding that there was no security, and seeing that the Earle of *Stamford* pressed so hard upon him,

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and charged so hotly against him, the Prince with his horse made up to the wood side, endeavouring to gaine the veiath, but was immediately prevented, and beaten backe upon the River; by which meanes his Troupes were disordered: for the other two Troupes of horse which the Earle of *Stamford* had sent to get betweene the Prince his Forces and the towne, together with the inhabitants of the towne on the one side, and the Earle of *Stamford* with his Troupes on the other side, pursued them so closely, that most of the Princes Foot were forced to take the river, thirty were slaine, many Prisoners were taken, and the Prince himselfe inforced to flie for the safety of his Person, and leave his rich Prize behinde him, otherwise the Earle of *Stamford* had taken order for his forth coming.

This victory being thus obtained, they marched backe againe to the towne, where they were joyfully entertained by the inhabitants, bringing back with them the pillage also which Prince *Roberts* Forces had taken from them. There is a Troupe of horse quartered there for the safeguard and future security of the towne against other such like attempts of the Cavaliers. The towne is now in a good posture of defence, being a rich towne for trading, and well affected

affected to the King and Parliament, the defence of the Protestant Religion, and the liberty of the subject.

M. Hastings playes least in sight since the arrivall of the Earle of Stamford: this is the truth of all the proceedings of note in our County. So I rest, Your friend to be commanded,

Andrew Chapman.

Yeaborough, Sept. 14.

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